

WILDCAT WATCH

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Mr. Hunsinger's Wildcat Wisdom

Welcome to another edition of the *WILDCAT WATCH*. I have a lot of topics to address regarding programs and activities here at HWES.

Let me begin with a big word of thanks to everyone that played a part in the Kids Voting Parade. It was a really special event, and I am sure the students will have lasting memories of this remarkable gathering. I hope this will be the first event to show students the importance of voting; and as they grow older and become adults, it will be a right they all exercise. Sometimes we take things for granted, and let's not forget the outstanding behavior of our students. All of our guests commented on the extraordinary behavior shown throughout the parade and celebration assembly.

On October 30, we will have our *HWES Wildcat Walk-a-Thon*. This special event is the celebration of the PTA, and the donations made to it will be used in different activities and programs for our school. The students from the Wakefield building will walk from 1:15 to 2:00 p.m., and the Homestead Building will walk from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. All of the walks will be held on the Homestead building playground. If you plan to attend and see the event, parking is possible on the grass along the Homestead driveway on the BAMS side. Please join us and share the *Wildcat Pride*.

On October 31, school will be closed for students so we can have staff development.

On November 3, we will have our first quarter Parent-Teacher conferences. Please be sure to be on time for these important meetings. If for some reason you cannot attend at your scheduled time, call the school (410-638-4175) so we can tell the teacher. If possible, do not bring your children so there can be an open discussion between teacher and parent. We will do everything possible to stick to the 20-minute time period set aside for each conference. If you have children in the kindergarten building, the conferences will be held in the Wakefield building cafeteria. If you have second grade students in the relocatable classrooms, you will have your conferences in the Wakefield building multipurpose room. Mr. DeHart will have his conferences in the Homestead building media center. We look forward to seeing you for this special activity.

On November 4, Harford County Public Schools will be closed for the General Election. The Homestead Building will be a polling place as in past years. The Wakefield building will not be used as one due to the construction project currently taking place.

On November 17, 18 and 19 we will celebrate American Education Week. We will send out reminders prior to this week. We will have Monday, November 17, for all grades; Tuesday, November 18, for Early Identification, Pre-K, K, 2 and 4; and Wednesday, November 19, for grades 1, 3 and 5.

We would like to congratulate the new members of this year's student council! Our elected officers are:

Margo S- President
Zach F- Vice President
Jaimie L- Secretary
Spencer L- Treasurer

The student council has many fun activities planned for the year. We will kick off the fall with a pumpkin decorating contest which will raise money for the Johns Hopkins Children's Center. A flier was sent home to each child advertising this event. Pumpkins may be brought in Monday-Wednesday, 10/27-10/29, and must be picked up on Thursday or Friday, 10/30 and 10/31 by 3:30pm.

Kid's Voting Parade

The students were given the opportunity to vote on several fun topics during our voting celebration period in October. One of the votes was for Favorite Dress-Up Day. The vote was close, but sports dress-up day was voted as #1 and we will enjoy this day on Friday, November 7. Students should dress up on that day in their favorite sports team attire.

They Say It's Your Birthday... The Homestead-Wakefield Elementary School Media Centers would like to welcome the newest Birthday Book Club Members for the month of October. The following people had birthdays recently and their parents purchased books for the libraries in their honor. The books they selected display a special plate with their names on the inside cover. Happy Birthday and a big Birthday Book Club welcome to the following students:

Kindergarten: Brandi A, Sarah E, Caden M, Robert M

Grade 1: Jenna H

Grade 2: Cian McC, Hannah R

Grade 3: Adam V

Grade 4: Tyler D, Alyssa N

Grade 5: Rachael H, Emma J, Spencer L, Hannah N

If your birthday is in November, NOW is your chance to join the Birthday Book Club. May will be the last Birthday Book Club of the 2008-09 school year. Ask your teacher or school librarians (Homestead Building: Mrs. Walker; Wakefield Building: Mrs. Miller) for an application today!

A very special *thank you* and a job well done goes to the wonderful second grade announcers in the Wakefield building during the first quarter of the school year. Your wonderful WILDCAT announcers were:

Austin E

Emily Z

Erin B

AJ P

Sydney B